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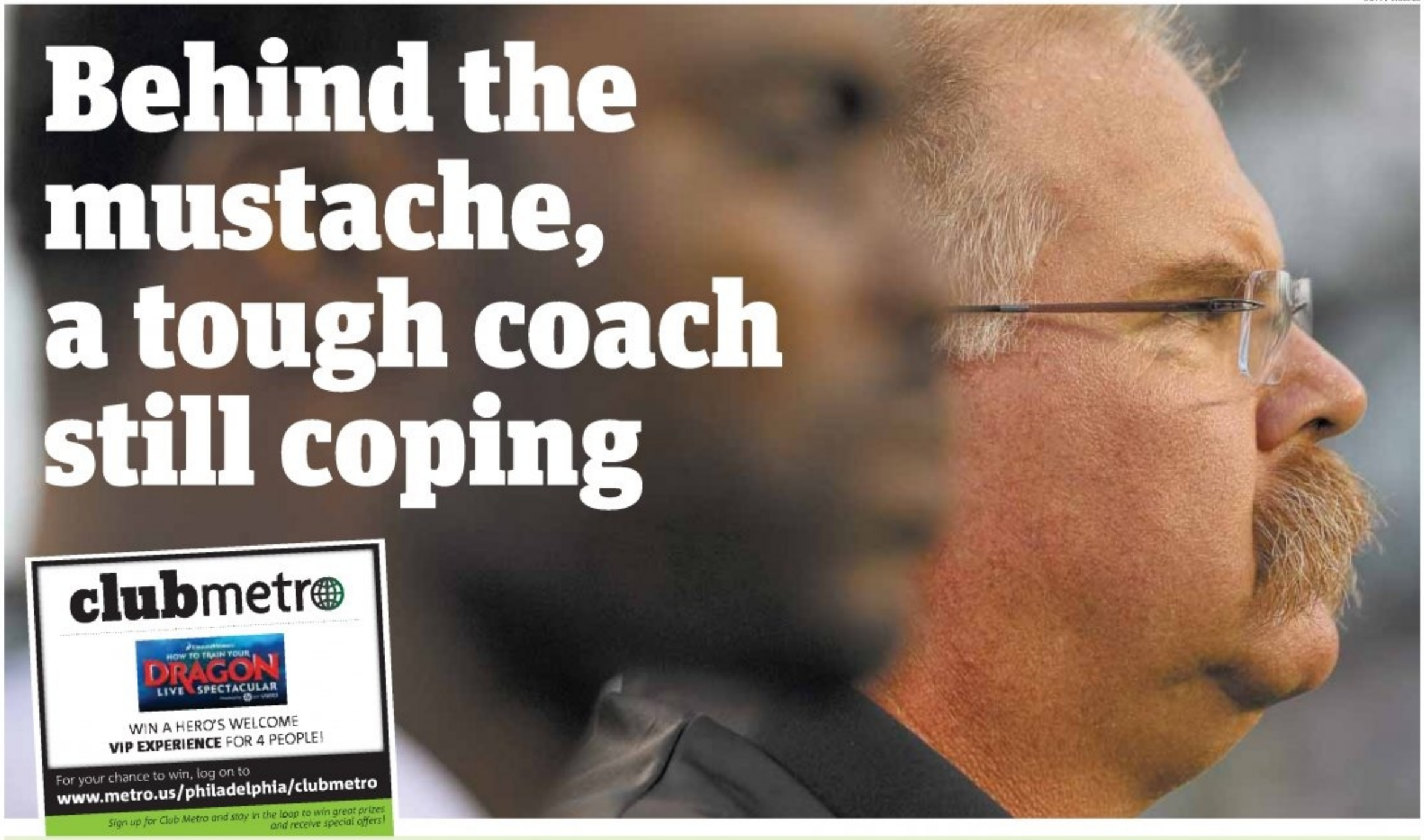

Behind the mustache, a tough coach still coping

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LOCATIONS IN SOUTHERN NEW JERSEY & PHILADELPHIA

Saving 'white elephant'?

New developer takes over most notorious warehouse in Kensington
Says he will transform decrepid property from what neighbors fear as massive, blighted tinderbox

When a massive fire at the abandoned Buck Hosiery Factory at York and Jasper streets killed two firefighters in April, many said an adjacent warehouse that houses retail on the bottom floor while the top four floors sit abandoned would be the next to go.

So, too, when a fire broke out on Front just below Girard last month, temporarily suspending service to the Market-Frankford Line. One resident said of the property, dubbed the "white elephant" by neighbors, "That's the building that's going to take out the El."

But according to Jesse Munoz, who formerly developed Buena Vista Plaza in Fairhill and currently owns Cafe Venice on Delaware Avenue, neighbors can rest easy. After nine years of negotiations, he purchased the building from Daniel Waisboard in a sale that became final yesterday.

"It's a great thing because there's not going to be a fire," he said. "It's not boarded up. It's not abandoned. It's going to create jobs."

Now comes the million dollar-plus question. What exactly does Munoz plan to do with the elephant?

"The first thing will be to clean up this mess," he said last month, eyeing the dilapidated facade. "Developing this building will generate a sense of community ownership and allow the neighborhood to prosper."

100K
Price tag Munoz estimates it will cost to restore the building's facade and give it curb appeal

1M-2M
Cash Munoz said he needs to make the entire building inhabitable

He is mulling over a combination of ground-floor retail, live-work artist lofts and student rental units due to the building's proximity to the El.

"We're talking probably about a year, a year and a half from takeover to finished project," Munoz said. "For the cleanup, I'll have a presence here every day fixing things, because right now, it's a mess. But the feasibility is here. The parking is here. It's a heavily residential area. It's close to transportation."

But Munoz said he's still taking suggestions.

"I'm coming in with an open heart. I can't wait — it's going to be a beautiful site."

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RIKARD LARMA/METRO

▶ Munoz said he bought the building, seen here last month, for $500,000.

Renewing 'its potential'

Munoz understands how the hulking shell got its nickname.

"An elephant in the room is the biggest problem in the room," he said during a visit to the site last month. "This building is the biggest problem in the community."

He also sees value that Waisboard never realized.

"He is not from the community," Munoz said. "He doesn't understand the potential of this community. Hopefully, this will be a renewal of its potential."

He hopes the redevelopment will drive the neighborhood forward.

"I think the power of the space is going to have such a huge impact," he said. "People are going to take inspiration from the space and say, 'Wow, I'm going to take care of my home.'" METRO/AW

In the news

New zoning in effect

The city's first comprehensive zoning code in 50 years took effect yesterday. The code, roughly four years in the making, was signed by Mayor Michael Nutter in December. The code updates the regulations for development and clarifies the process by reducing the number of zoning classifications and outlining the role of citizens in the approval process. METRO

In the news

Taser sentence

A local man was sentenced to 34 years in prison yesterday for robbing a bank with a Taser. Tyrone Bentley, 35, was convicted in January of the July 3, 2010 robbery of a Wachovia Bank branch in Trevose. Prosecutors claim Bentley was armed with a Taser, while his accomplice carried a handgun. At the time, he was on supervised release for armed robbery of an armored car. METRO

Person of interest in city cop's shooting death

PHILADELPHIA. Police were questioning a person of interest last night in the homicide of Officer Moses Walker Jr.

Police would not call the man a suspect, but said they picked him up at Bartram Village in Southwest Philadelphia based on a tip. Walker, 40, was gunned down early Saturday during an apparent robbery shortly after leaving work.

$118K Reward for information leading to an arrest in Walker's homicide as of yesterday

The confrontation occurred at the 2000 block of Cecil B. Moore Avenue around 6 a.m. METRO/SDL

PPD VIDEO SCREEN GRAB

▶ One man is in custody.

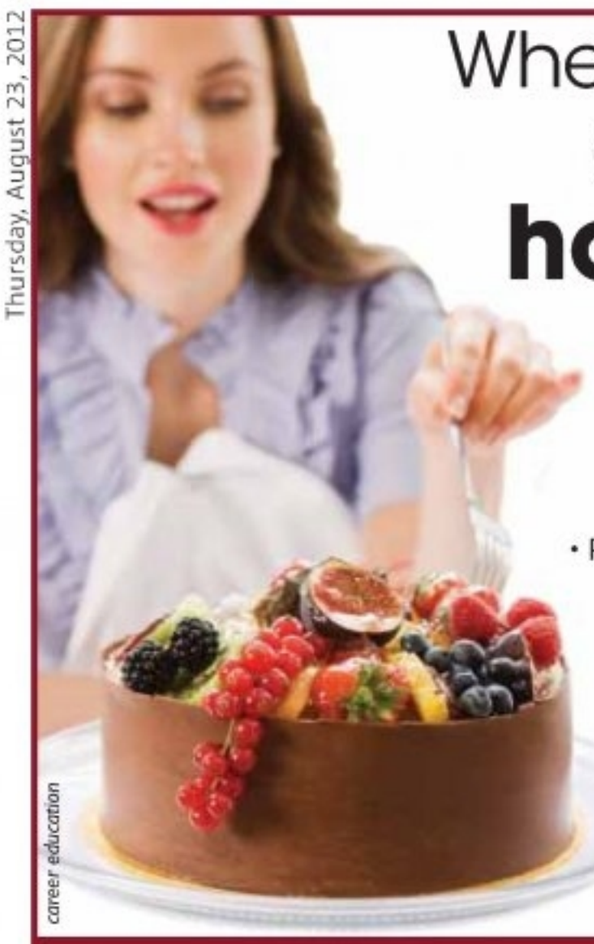
Woman charged with killing child, then self

NEW JERSEY. A Camden woman reportedly decapitated her 2-year-old son and then stabbed herself to death as police attempted to enter her home yesterday, police said.

Chevonne Thomas, 33, called 911 shortly after midnight, according to reports, and told the dispatcher that something bad had happened to her child, 2-year-old Zahree Thomas.

Officers responded to her home on Kaighns Avenue around 12:30 a.m. and broke down the door. There, investigators said, they found the Zahree's decapitated body on the floor. His head was in the freezer.

Thomas had stabbed herself to death in the neck with a kitchen knife. METRO/AW



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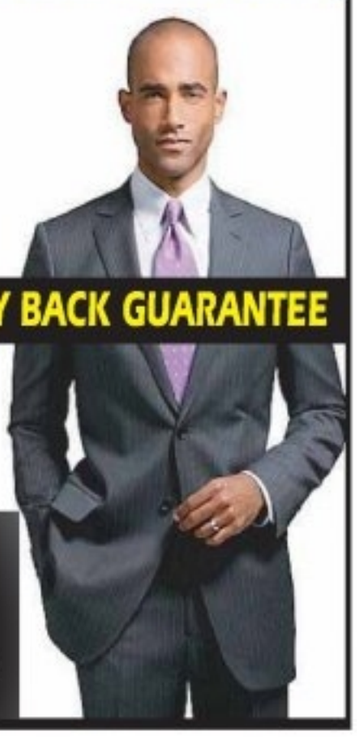

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Animals. Adoption effort

▶ Jocelyn Fital of the SPCA, right, shows off her furry friend Taz yesterday at Love Park.

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PSPCA ramps up new campaign

The Pennsylvania SPCA is in the midst of a big adoption campaign called the "ASPCA Rachel Ray $100K Challenge." The PSPCA started the Philly Freedom Project to amp up adoptions from the beginning of this month through Oct. 31, according to the group. Specials for adopting animals through the PSPCA are available through the end of October. Go to PSPCA.org for more information. METRO

Philly's Twitter users need to wash digital mouths out

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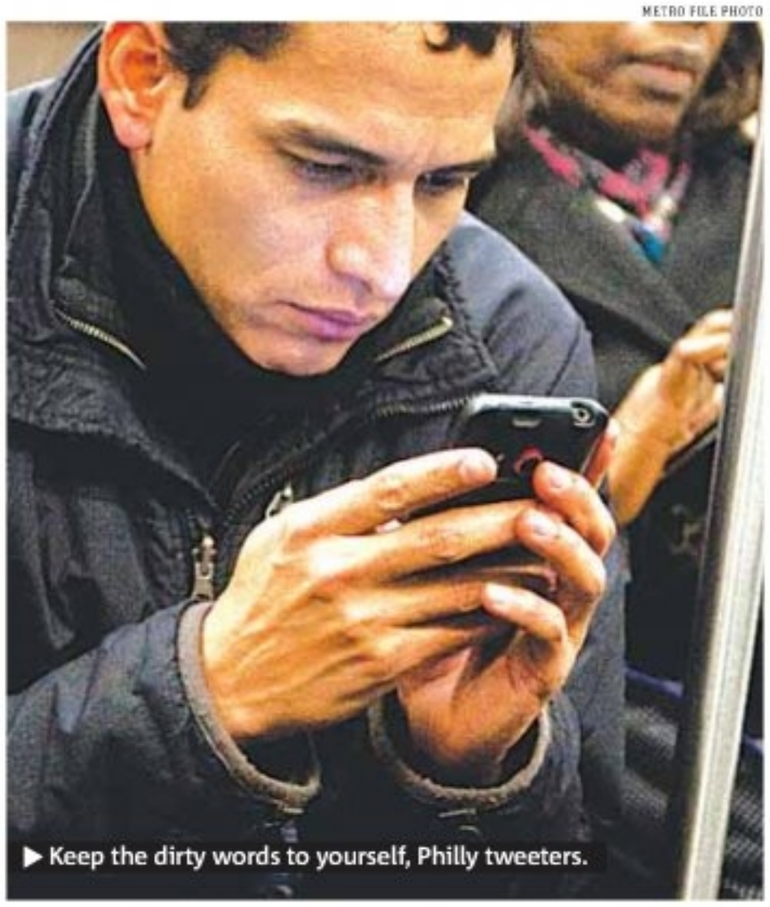

▶ Keep the dirty words to yourself, Philly tweeters.

- They drop most F-bombs on social media, along with Los Angeles
- Along with the bad words are very active Twitter users, new study found

Philadelphia and Los Angeles may be worlds apart in terms of culture, but apparently the two major cities have something in common: Their Twitter users drop a lot of F-bombs.

A new project called "Twitter heatmap" shows the rudest and most polite users of social media by scanning 462 locations in the United States for the phrases "Good morning" and "F–k you."

The "Good morning" maps are based on tweets from June 20 to July 1, while the "F–k you" maps were done from July 14 through July 24.

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Maps

The maps don't show exact locations, but they allow us to draw a few conclusions:

- Not only did Philly and L.A. register the high on the rude scale, but also high in "Good mornings."
- People in north Texas apparently use Twitter to say "Good morning" a lot. The area was brighter than Rudolph's nose for the key phrase.
- It appears that people in Fargo, N.D., have never heard of Twitter.

Rutgers name lives on in Camden, N.J.

NEW JERSEY. Gov. Chris Christie signed legislation yesterday that officially ends his unsuccessful effort to merge Rutgers University-Camden into Rowan University.

Christie signed the New Jersey Medical and Health Sciences Education Restructuring Act, which passed the Legislature in June. The act integrates most of UMDNJ into Rutgers, as Christie originally proposed, but also leaves the Camden campus with its Rutgers affiliation.

Most of the provisions in the legislation will take effect July 1, 2013. A ceremonial signing took place on the Rutgers-Camden campus. JUDY WEIGHTMAN

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The winner will spend the day with Branson at Metro's New York offices on Oct. 3 and will be his guest at the World Business Forum in New York City.

The prize includes return airfare to New York City and a minimum three-night hotel stay in the city between Oct. 1-6.

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The theme of his day in New York City will be "Risky Business" as he and his deputy choose stories to be featured in all of Metro's editions around the world — that's more than 15 million readers across the globe. ● METRO

In the news

Lawyer for ex-Penn State president blasts Freeh report

PHILADELPHIA. A lawyer for Penn State's ex-president assailed a report on the university sex abuse scandal yesterday as a myth filled with unsupported and outrageous conclusions against former university leader Graham Spanier.

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▶ Spanier

Timothy K. Lewis, a former federal judge and prosecutor who represents Spanier, criticized the author of that report, Louis Freeh, also a former judge and a former FBI chief, who was hired by the university to investigate the scandal that rocked U.S. college football and Pennsylvania's biggest university.

Spanier was fired after Jerry Sandusky was accused of sexually abusing 10 boys over 15 years. REUTERS

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The feed ...

▶ Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

@JimGaffigan
Boy, those people older than us and younger than us sure are dumb, right?

@SteveMartinToGo
Due to audience demand, I will now be closed on Mondays.

@birbigs (Mike Birbiglia)
Ate a chocolate croissant, but it had so much air in it that I'm going to pretend it never happened. ?

@robdelaney
You're a prince; what are you supposed to NOT party naked in Vegas? It's in your job description! Not even news. #FreeHarry

Steve Martin

Prince Harry parties like a Las Vegas pro

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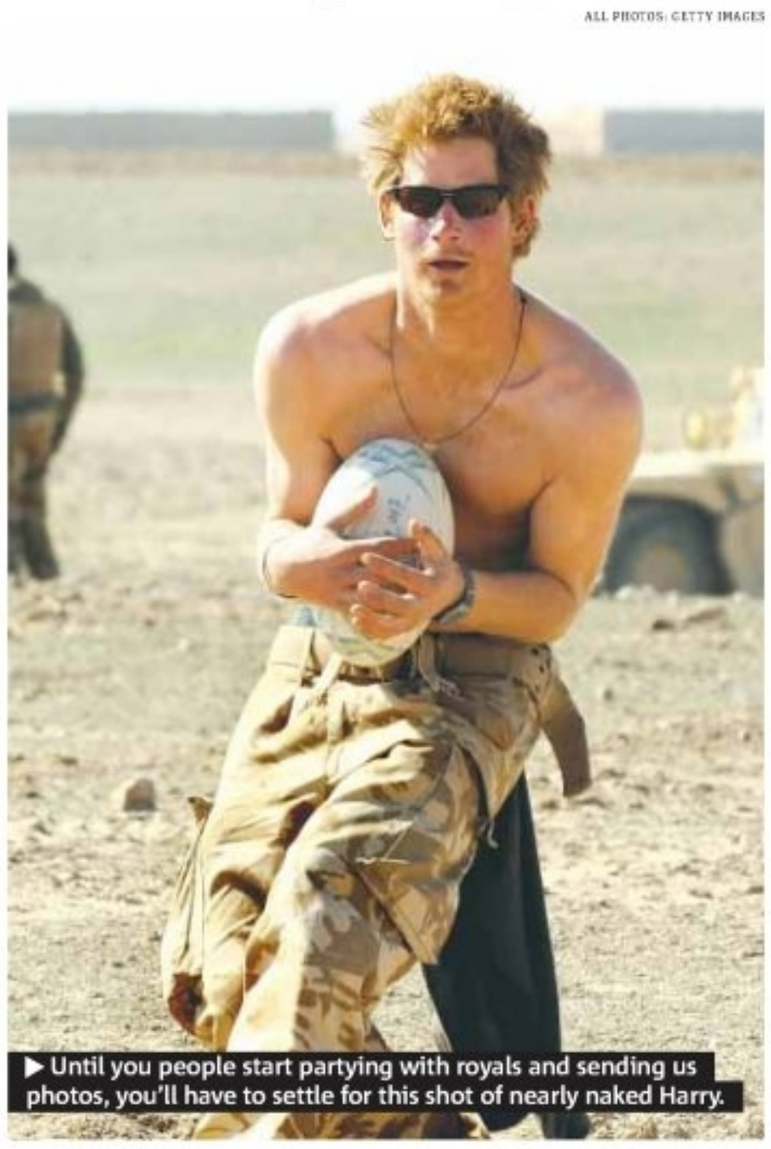
Prince Harry is learning the hard way that "what happens in Vegas, stays in Vegas" doesn't apply to drunk, naked members of the royal family.

Harry, you see, had a way better weekend than the rest of us. After spending Friday afternoon poolside, he stopped by the bar of the MGM Grand, where he met some girls — with cameraphones — who were, in fact, interested in partying upstairs with a prince.

According to TMZ, it was a game of "strip pool" that led to the photos of Harry — completely naked except for a necklace and wonderfully awkward tan lines — hugging an equally naked girl from behind and holding his crotch.

Harry stuck around Las Vegas long enough to challenge Olympic swimmer **Ryan Lochte** to a race through a pool full of girls in bikinis (Harry lost, in some very vague sense of the word), but was quickly summoned back to Buckingham Palace when the photos went viral.

Now, we don't envy having to explain the rules of strip pool to **Queen Elizabeth**. But all in all? We'd say his weekend was well worth the international hangover.



▶ Until you people start partying with royals and sending us photos, you'll have to settle for this shot of nearly naked Harry.

We do object!

After briefly dating, **Avril Lavigne** and Nickelback frontman **Chad Kroeger** are engaged. It gets worse: According to People, their relationship began when they were in the studio collaborating on Lavigne's new album.

This isn't the first unholy pop culture union for Lavigne. She was previously married to Sum 41 frontman **Deryck Whibley**, and has "Brody" tattooed on her ribcage, courtesy of a relationship with reality TV black hole **Brody Jenner**.

So, apparently, no: We haven't forgiven her for bringing "Sk8er Boi" into this world.

▶ Avril hasn't washed her face since 2004.

▶ We know, Chad — we know.

LL Cool J is his own security system

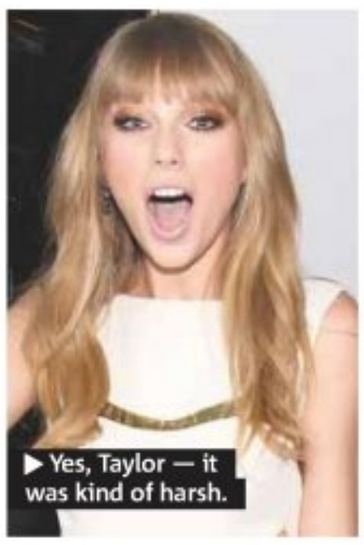
Out of all the houses to break into in L.A., someone picked **LL Cool J**'s early Wednesday morning. The rapper — who is 6'2" and mostly biceps — handily took down the intruder and held him until police arrived.

"LL Cool J, and his family, are safe and thank everyone for their thoughts and concern," his spokesman said in a statement. "As a father, husband and citizen, he is committed to keeping his family safe and is cooperating with authorities on this private matter."

Talking points

Taylor Swift, wedding crasher

Taylor Swift and boyfriend **Conor Kennedy** (yes, one of those Kennedys) stopped by his cousin's wedding over the weekend, but apparently they weren't on the guest list — and mother-of-the-bride **Victoria Gifford Kennedy** isn't amused. "I personally went up to Ms. Swift, whose entrance distracted the entire event, politely introduced myself to her and asked her as nicely as I could to leave," Kennedy tells the Boston Herald. "It was like talking to a ghost. She seemed to look right past me."



▶ Yes, Taylor — it was kind of harsh.

Lohan questioned in jewelry theft

Lindsay Lohan was reportedly questioned by police after jewelry went missing from a Hollywood Hills home where she had spent the night, according to TMZ. Lohan was reportedly among several guests who stayed overnight after a small party at the home Sunday night. The next morning, the house's owner claimed expensive jewelry had been stolen and called the police. Sources says Lohan was very cooperative with police but had nothing to do with the theft.

Cruise-Holmes divorce official

Tom Cruise's five-year marriage to **Katie Holmes** is officially over after a New York judge signed off on the divorce settlement earlier this week, according to E! News. The finalization comes just a month and a half after Holmes initially filed for divorce.

JLo eyes up Vegas

Jennifer Lopez may be the next music luminary to take up residence in Las Vegas with a long-running show, according to Hollyscoop. The entertainment company Live Nation has reportedly approached Lopez about a long-term engagement, and her rep concedes it's not out of the question.

A royal mess

We get it, Prince Harry: No one wants his grandmother to see photos of him partying naked in Vegas (see page 06). But you're not the first member of the royal family to appear in questionable photographs.

1 **Prince Charles** got stuck on a climbing wall — in a suit — last month.

2 At the Olympics, **Prince William** made the mistake of sitting next to **David Beckham** and his glorious hair.

3 It's not **Fergie**'s fault — she married **Prince Andrew** in the thick of the '80s. Now, as for those photos of her having her toes sucked while topless by the pool? That one's on her.

4 **Princess Beatrice** infamously wore this hat — this hat! — to **Will** and **Kate**'s wedding last year.

5 She keeps her clothes on, but **Queen Elizabeth** has been known to enjoy a drink.

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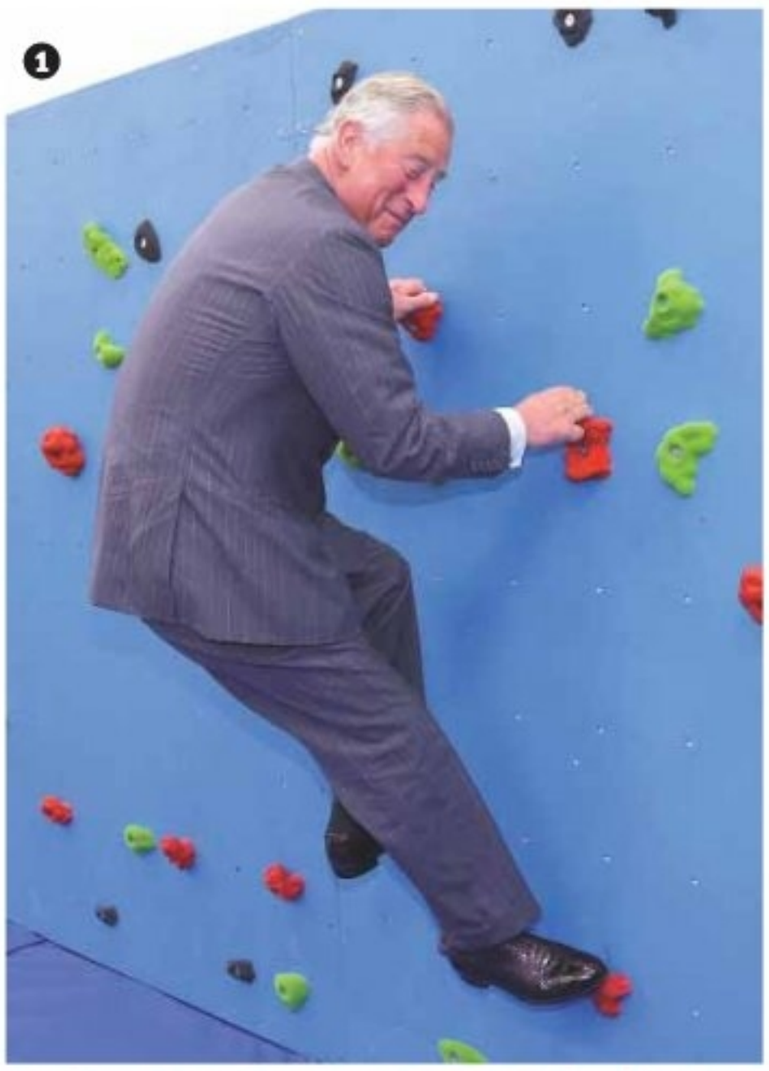

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‘The mainstream is a sewer’

Brian Jonestown Massacre singer on his gripes with American culture and his zeal for the German way of life

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▶ Hey, hey, the Massacre’s all here: Tonight Newcombe, center, brings the Jonestown crew to Union Transfer (1026 Spring Garden St.). For more info visit www.utphilly.com.

Maintaining a band for 20 years while eschewing mainstream culture is no easy feat. But despite Anton Newcombe’s brush with near-celebrity a few years back when his band, Brian Jonestown Massacre, engaged in a well-documented spat with the Dandy Warhols, the singer and songwriter has maintained enough popularity to prosper and continue while remaining spiritually and artistically in the underground.

“Let’s be honest: The mainstream is a sewer,” Newcombe states, adding a few acronyms — MTV, TMZ — as examples of what he deems a murky puddle. “Why on Earth would I want to be anywhere near any of it? ... Growing up in Newport Beach and watching the culture change from local and well-to-do to transient new money bulls— forced me to forsake it forever.”

Newcombe is no longer a So-Cal boy. These days he lives in Berlin, hence the title of BJM’s latest album, “Aufheben.”

“It’s the last place in the Western world that will adopt the outward trapping of a police state as we glide ever deeper into something that looks like and feels like corporate fascism,” he says of his adopted city. “The people of Germany have experience with government overstepping human rights to the point of genocide. As a culture, it is overwhelmingly on guard to learn and atone for the past and work hard to build a better future,” he says, adding a succinct: “I love the energy.”

What does ‘aufheben’ mean?

Hegel defined it as to end something *and* to raise something to a higher level. Newcombe says: “I think the word ‘aufheben’ is topical on a personal level and a global level. ... That and the phrase ‘yield to overcome.’ Sometimes you ... take stock to excel, other times you need to rip it up and start again to reach greatness.”

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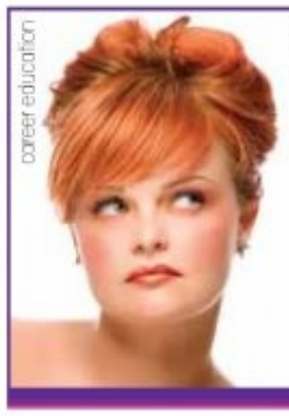
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10 REASONS TO RUSH TO THE MOVIES

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▶ Check out our interview with the star of "Premium Rush," Joseph Gordon-Levitt, in next week's Metro.

2 'The Apparition' With the arrival of late August comes the first horror films we've seen since the thaw of winter. In this one, "Twilight" star Ashley Greene plays a student setting out to prove that the mind can conjure a ghost. She's successful at doing that, unfortunately for her.

3 'Hit and Run' Real-life couple Dax Shepard and Kristen Bell star in this film about a reformed criminal whose bank-robbing buddies return to settle a debt.

4 'The Expendables 2' Sylvester Stallone once again leads an all-star cast of some of the biggest action stars around in this testosterone-fueled romp about a group of world-class mercenaries.

5 'ParaNorman' In the tradition of quirky supernatural children's films comes "ParaNorman," a stop-motion flick about a boy who is tasked with saving his town from an undead uprising.

6 'Sparkle' This film stars Whitney Houston — in her last performance on the big screen — as Emma, a single mother raising Sparkle (Jordin Sparks) and two other daughters who dream of stardom as a singing trio.

7 'The Bourne Legacy' The "Bourne" franchise gets another installment featuring budding action star Jeremy Renner.

8 'The Campaign' Incumbent North Carolina Congressman Cam Brady (Will Ferrell) receives a challenge from corporate puppet Marty Huggins (Zach Galifianakis) for re-election.

9 'Hope Springs' This dramedy stars Meryl Streep and Tommy Lee Jones as empty-nesters struggling to find intimacy in their marriage.

10 'Total Recall' Douglas Quaid uses Rekall to escape his mundane life, but the procedure malfunctions and Quaid begins to question what is real and what is illusion. METRO

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1 'Premium Rush' "The Dark Knight Rises" co-star Joseph Gordon-Levitt takes center stage in this high-energy thriller about a bike messenger who finds he's carrying a package that everyone seems to want.

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Can you change your partner?

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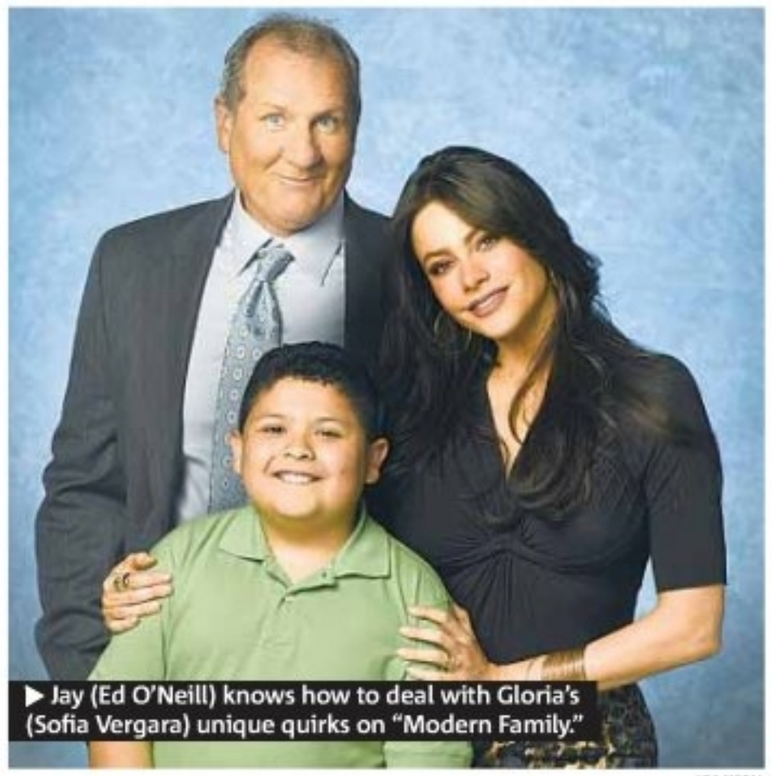
It's the same old story: We meet someone, fall in love and then want to mold them to be more like what we think he or she should be. In a recent episode of "Modern Family," Jay Pritchett complains about how his wife Gloria is so vain that she never wears a coat and always wears high heels — even to Disneyland! It drives him crazy. He repeatedly has to suffer through her hobbling and being grumpy because she's in pain. No matter how many times he begs her to make a different choice, she refuses.

In every relationship, one partner complains about the other's bad or annoying behavior that supposedly needs changing. She never calls when she says she will. He is always at least 20 minutes late. It takes him three days to do the dishes. She never makes the bed. From starting a relationship to living together, there is always going to be something.



▶ Jay (Ed O'Neill) knows how to deal with Gloria's (Sofia Vergara) unique quirks on "Modern Family."

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Instead of trying to get that person to make the change, take the situation into your own hands and alter the way you deal with it. Take control, then let go. It's all you can do.

On "Modern Family," Jay got creative and finally figured that out. At Disneyland, while Gloria was hobbling around angrily, he bought her princess slippers. She hesitated, and then she eased her feet into them and relaxed, asking if they could buy more. It was just what they both needed.

— Relationship expert **Dr. Jane Greer** *is creator of* ***"Shrink Wrap"*** *– national commentary on what we can learn from celebrity relationships – and host of* ***"Let's Talk Sex"*** *at* ***Healthylife.net.*** *Her book,* ***"What About Me? Stop Selfishness From Ruining Your Relationship,"*** *is available nationwide.*

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▶ ***Wiley, You are the man I have waited my whole life for and now will never let you go! Ti Amo xoxo***

▶ *Hey baby cakes, I love you so much and I miss you. I know we can get through anything. — Dragon <3*

▶ ***Moshe, You may be the cutest boy in the world, but I love you for your inner beauty. You are my favorite creature on the planet. Love, jennifer***

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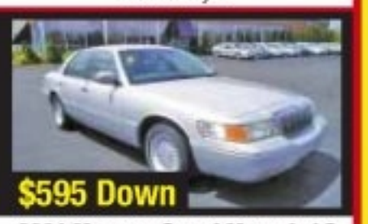
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Letters

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Because the Greeks have such a good grip on economics

RE: "DONE ANYTHING FOR YOUR COUNTRY LATELY?" (METRO, AUG. 21) If President Kennedy was in office today, the "haves" would have less and the "have nots" would have more. The oil depletion allowance that JFK planned to eliminate in 1964 is one example.

The disparity between what CEOs make today and the wages of the working man must be a thousand times greater now than when JFK was president.

Expecting the more affluent in society to help out the less fortunate goes back to Greek philosophy.

That is something Romney, Ryan and the Rich (R,R &R) just can't understand.

If Abraham Lincoln looked down and saw so few people of color at a GOP rally, he would not be very proud of the Republican party today.

LARRY BLONG, VIA E-MAIL

GOP the party in love with plastic

RE: "DONE ANYTHING FOR YOUR COUNTRY LATELY?" (METRO, AUG. 21) Mr. McLaughlin's analogy is completely backwards. A look at recent history would show that it is the Democratic Party that has adhered far more rigorously to the pay-as-you-go notion of legislation, while it was the Republicans who put two wars, Medicare Part D and massive tax cuts for the wealthy on a credit card for someone else to pay for.

MARC BESCHLER, VIA E-MAIL

Don't make US fall flat on its face

RE: "TAX RETURN DEBATE CAN REFORM RATES": (METRO, AUG. 22) Listen, capitalism is not a fair system, and the only thing that makes it a fair system is progressive taxation. Let's return to the principles that made this nation great and drop the flat-tax scam.

MASON SKY, VIA E-MAIL

Gays hate those who oppose their rights!

RE: "GAY RIGHTS SIDES NOT MADE EQUAL" (METRO, AUG. 21) Mr. Day: Oh, but yes, pro-gay chants and standoffs do in fact condemn the anti-gay groups. Consider the proclaimed liberal "free thinking and tolerance" stand you claim to have, yet you condemn those with other opinions as intolerant of differences. Sir, the pro-gay groups are intolerant of anti-gay people and choices as well. In that regard, both sides are fighting the same battle: "intolerance of differences." Pro-gay people do in fact impose their moral judgments on the anti-gay marriage people with their own condemning rhetoric.

CATHY WEISENBURGER, VIA E-MAIL

It is interesting that the gay community gets so fired up about anyone who opposes their agenda. I thought they are so open and loving. I know gay couples and personally have no problem with their lifestyle, although many gays and lesbians hate people who state feelings/beliefs against their lifestyle. Are our First Amendment rights limited to only those that agree with our own beliefs? Ask a devout Muslim if they believe in gay marriages. That would be an interesting conversation.

JOHN ARSLANIAN, VIA E-MAIL

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Horoscope

♍ Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** Your powers of observation are especially sharp — which is well and good, provided you don't start nitpicking to others about things you think they're doing incorrectly.

♎ Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** Possibilities for gain look better than usual for you. In fact, when it comes to a group involvement, you will likely be the one who guides things to a financially successful conclusion.

♏ Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** Taking pride in what you do is an admirable thing. However, being proud purely for vanity's sake is something else again. Be able to distinguish between the two.

♐ Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** To operate more effectively, you should do your best not to call attention to yourself or your activities. If you allow outside influences to get involved, you'll get thrown off course.

♑ Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19.** Although you might think that you'd enjoy a little solitude, you'd be much happier engaging in a group activity. Being a loner isn't apt to pay off, spiritually or financially.

♒ Aquarius **Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** An important objective can be achieved if you give it your full dedication. If you start questioning your convictions, however, things are likely to grind to a halt.

♓ Pisces **Feb. 20-March 20.** This is an excellent day to take on projects that require a creative touch and a dash of imagination. Light up the room if you've got a bright idea.

♈ Aries **March 21-April 19.** Being inflexible almost always works against you, especially if you happen to be involved in a joint endeavor. Be as intellectually mobile as possible.

♉ Taurus **April 20-May 20.** When it comes to matters where you allow your feelings to color your judgment, you'll suffer. Do your best to keep emotions out of your decision-making and to view things logically.

♊ Gemini **May 21-June 20.** An immense feeling of gratification is likely to come from being of service to another. Don't be reluctant to put yourself out for someone.

♋ Cancer **June 21-July 22.** Your organizational abilities are apt to be a shade or two sharper than usual, so don't hesitate to use them to your advantage. Start with tackling a big project or two.

♌ Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** It will be up to you to guide an important endeavor to a successful conclusion. Take things one step at a time, and make sure you don't leave anything up to chance.

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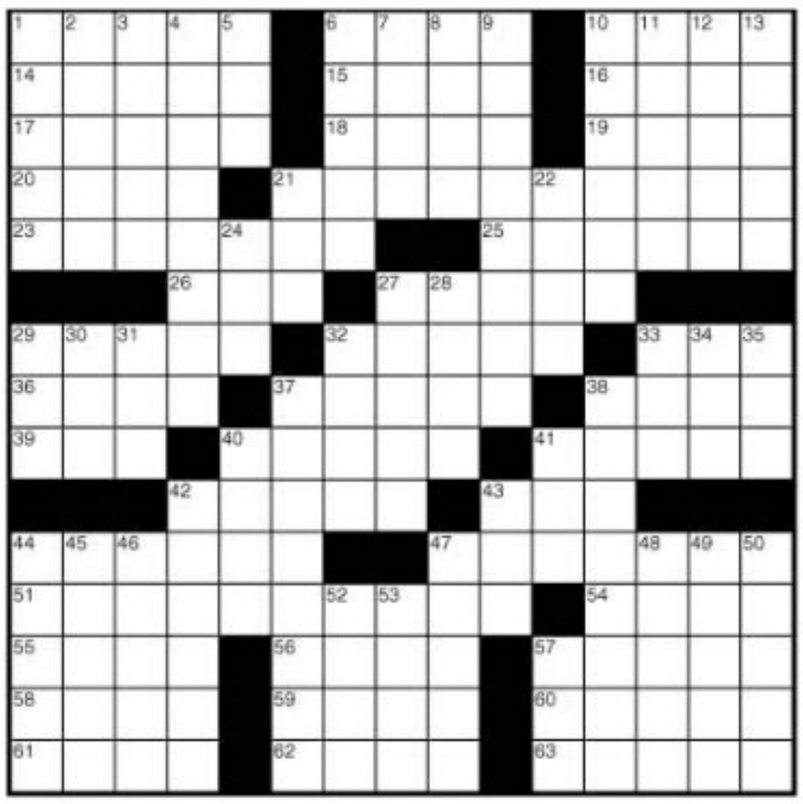

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Solution to yesterday's crossword

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Vick expected to go in season opener

It's going to take more than a bruise to keep Mike Vick out of the season opener.

Coach Andy Reid updated the status of his injured quarterback yesterday, saying he fully expects Vick to start on Sept. 9 in Cleveland.

When asked if there was any reason Vick wouldn't be ready by that date, Reid simply replied, "No."

However, Reid confirmed that Vick will miss the rest of the preseason.

"As I'm standing here today, unless I'm drastically changing something, I'm not going to play him," Reid said.

Vick was hurt Monday night on the sixth offensive play, when he absorbed a jarring hit in the rib. X-rays showed nothing was fractured, but he didn't return.

Vick walked through the locker room yesterday, but didn't meet with reporters. He appeared in good spirits.

Reid said Vick will wear a Kevlar flak jacket for protection. There's not much more he can do.

"It's a violent sport where you're going to get injuries," Reid said. "If you're out there worried about that part of it, you're not going to perform to the best of your ability."

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Psychologist talks coping strategies

Andy Reid went back to work the day after his son's funeral Aug. 7 and gave a heartfelt address to media as he said: "I'm a very humble man standing before you."

Dealing with his grief while working these last two weeks, he's likely "bracketing" emotions, according to Sara Corse, a psychologist with Philadelphia-based Council for Relationships. She said the term describes how people cope with losing a loved one while living everyday life.

"My sense is he's doing a good job of bracketing," she said. "Depending on the person, there can be feelings of loss or guilt or it could it be different, but you bracket them and get to the business of work."

Corse said his unusually visible sideline blowup on Jenkins during Monday's game could be a rather normal reaction from someone still coping with loss.

"Sometimes you might have a little less tolerance for things that are trivial," Corse said. "You've been thinking about life and death. If someone is doing something foolish, you might have less tolerance for those trivial things."

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Reid drawing strength from newfound resolve

Coach sporting big mustache, showing attitude to match • Fans happy to see Big Red's emotional side • Some players say it's always been there

It's hard to stare at Andy Reid these days without fixating on that epic mustache perched above his upper lip.

It seems to have a life of its own, serving as a bold warning that this Eagles season will be different. The quivering whiskers were most noticeable Monday night, when Reid got into a sideline shouting match with Cullen Jenkins.

Jason Kelce, who sports a mustache/beard fit for "Pirates of the Caribbean," is growing jealous of Reid's new look.

"I think he's trying to compete with me, I don't know," the center said. "His mustache is going strong right now."

Kelce joked that he's asking his coach for grooming tips. But all joking aside, the new-look Reid isn't all physical, it's mental as well. His recent exchange with Jenkins isn't something fans are accustomed to seeing from the 14-year coaching vet. To outsiders, it was extremely out of character. To his players, it was Andy being Andy.

"He's come over to the defense [before] and has tried to get us fired up," Jenkins said. "It definitely causes a reaction from the whole team and we feed off his emotion."

"He's always been like that, always fired up with us," Jeremy Maclin said. "Andy's a great guy, man, and I think this is going to be a special season."

But Kelce admitted the 2012 version of Reid is different. He sees a much more intense person behind that mustachioed face — in practice, in games, in the film room.

"I think the sense of urgency for him is a lot because I think he expects more out of this team than he did last year or the year before," Kelce said. "We got all the pieces they wanted to assemble … the defense finished strong last year, the offense finished strong, the expectations are extremely high this year, so with us playing poorly through the first two preseason games or not as good as we want to, he's a little bit frustrated, and that's understandable."

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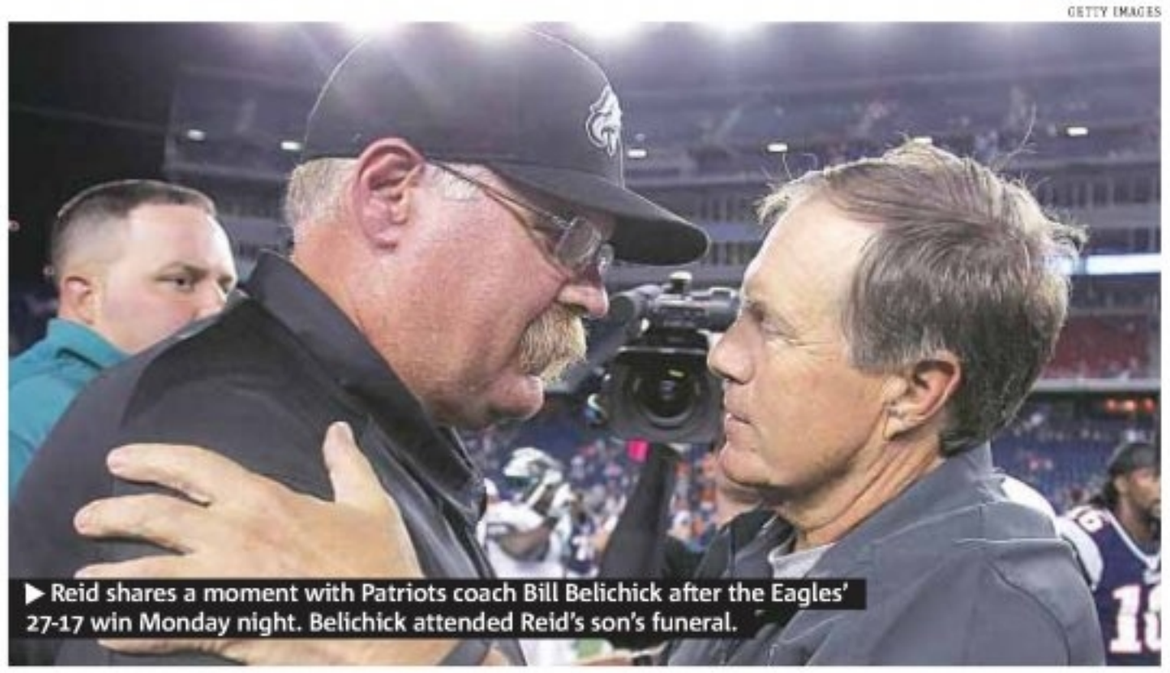
Reid shares a moment with Patriots coach Bill Belichick after the Eagles' 27-17 win Monday night. Belichick attended Reid's son's funeral.

Players, head coach flare ups nothing new

Cullen Jenkins said the only reason Andy Reid called him out Monday night was because "I'm black."

The defensive tackle was trying to lighten the mood by cracking a joke, but the incident caused a national stir and was very much on everyone's minds yesterday, just two days after the ESPN cameras captured it live.

"There's a time and a place where that's my responsibility to do some things there," Reid said. "I like a little fire. That's okay. That's alright."

Jenkins said the two had cleared the air after two conversations, one a few series right after it happened on the sideline and another one on the plane ride home.

"I had apologized to him and we had talked a little bit on the plane," Jenkins said. "He explained to me that he needed me on this team, that he needed me to step up and be there."

Many players laughed it off, saying that those types of disagreements occur multiple times in the heat of battle. Former Eagle Mike Golic, who hosts a nationally-syndicated radio show on ESPN, summed it up best.

"That's nothing, anything can happen during a game to flare up, then after the game, it's over," Golic said. "A lot of times it's something that happened on the field, so you look at the tape after the game, you see that one person was right and one person was wrong, and it's over."

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Nick at nite

Foles to start, play a quarter

The Nick Foles Show is picking up steam. A large media scrum surrounded the rookie's locker, waiting for words of wisdom.

Foles gave textbook answers as he prepares to start Friday's third preseason game against Cleveland's first-teamers.

"I want to take it one play at a time, move the ball, and most [importantly] we want to put points on the board," Foles said. "It is really just executing the plays, one play at a time."

Foles will play at least one quarter, maybe two, before giving way to Trent Edwards, according to coach Andy Reid.

Fans reflect on Hunter Pence bobble figurine

Hunter Pence is helping San Francisco try to win a playoff berth. On Tuesday, however, the Hunter Pence bobble figurine was helping the Phillies sell out Citizens Bank Park.

After establishing an NL record with 257 straight sellouts, which ended the first home game after Pence was traded, the Phillies haven't played to a standing-room only crowd.

And it struck some fans odd to receive the likeness of a player who no longer wears red and white pinstripes.

▶ Pence's bobble head

"It is strange," said Mike Husni, of Middletown, Del. "I made sure I had these tickets because of the Pence bobble head. But I have a Giants player in my backpack right now disguised as a Phillie."

If the underachieving and injury-plagued Phils performed as many figured, Pence would still be playing here.

"I don't think they planned on trading him," Vance Worley said. "They were expecting bigger things out of us. That's why they made the bobble head. They expected him to be here. He was a big deal here. The fans liked him. But things happened. It's unusual, but you have to give it out."

But where to you display it?

"It's a little unusual getting this bobble head after he was traded, but I'll take it and it'll go on the shelf and collect dust," said Steve Shutt of Souderton. ED CONDRAN

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